

Murrumbateman Landcare Group



Presidents Report, AGM 8th December, 2011

With over 70 paid members and another 100+ on our email distribution list, a wide range of activities and events Murrumbateman Landcare Group has had another very successful year.

- **Monthly meetings** Meetings were held on the first Thursday's of most months with very good attendances in general. We again had a great high quality range of speakers including Mark Howden a expert climate scientist from CSIRO and Nobel Prize recipient, Sean Carson from the Bureau of Meteorology, Chris Harris from LHPA on foxes, and Suzi Bond and Jenni Delandre from Greening Australia talking on best practices revegetation techniques and birds in reveg findings.
- **Projects and funding** Our group was very successful with 5 funding grants last year but now pleased to report we have signed off on the Murrumbateman Common and Indian Myna funds and Stage 1 of the Landcare Linking Biodiversity (LLB) MCMA funding packages (returned one grant due to overlap with other successful grant and Stage 2 LLB on-going)
- **Community Landcare Native Plant Nursery** One of MLG's most popular programs. Activities included a large Spring 2010 and Autumn & Spring 2011 propagation program with approx. 10,000 tubestock grown, sourcing seed specific to local vegetation communities, providing tree guards, propagation materials and advice on plantings. We also expanded the area under irrigation secured a private donation of \$1000 through Landcare NSW and funding through our LLB MCMA funding
- **2010 & 2011 Murrumbateman Field Days** Large and comprehensive landcare displays by MLG
- **Paddock Plants Field Day** in September 2010 presented by NSW DPI and Communities in Landscapes Project with 30+ attendees identifying and learning about common paddock plants in Box-Gum Woodland pastures.
- **Spring 2010 & 2011** two very well attended guided walks by Rainer Rehwinkel (DECCW Senior Threatened Species Officer) Ian Radosavljevic (Ranger-in-charge) and Maya Beretta, (Community Programs Officer), in the Murrumbidgee Ranges Nature Reserve as part of MLG's "Landcare Linking Biodiversity" Project
- **Spring 2011** Gounyan Curves Planting Day to improve habitat and biodiversity in conjunction with Greening Australia, NSW RTA and Yass Council with 90+ volunteers planting 1800+ native trees and shrubs along the Barton Highway bypass. 2000 trees and shrubs have subsequently been donated by these organisations to our MLG nursery for local community plantings
- **Distributed a wide range of information** via email distribution list (170+) on a broad range of local and regional field days, training courses, funding opportunities with a number of MLG members received funding grants through MLG efforts,
- **Landcare Linking Biodiversity Project** – completed 'Expression of Interest' mailout to all Lots & DP's in the project area (1000+), had 60+ Expressions of Interest, completed comprehensive spatial analysis to prioritise high priority areas for connectivity, produced colour brochure and Place Stories, supplied 1500+ trees and shrubs / tree guards to landowners, and grants for materials for isolated paddock tree protection, ran field days and provided advice for connectivity plantings at Murrumbateman Field Days by CSIRO expert scientist on ecological connectivity Dr Veronica Doerr,
- **Provided advice** via email enquiries, Lions Club, Rec Grounds, attended / submitted MLG input to Yass Shire Council community consultation events, presented to other local Landcare groups (Sutton and Yass)
- **Distribute a broad range** of latest land management factsheets and booklets to members at meetings, field days etc
- **Murrumbateman Cemetery and Merryville TSR** - ongoing consultation and management advice to Yass Valley Council and Livestock Health and Pest Authority

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**Agenda AGM ,
December 8th, 2011
Redbrow Gardens, Murrumbateman**

- i. Welcome**
- ii. Apologies**
- iii. Minutes from 2010 AGM**
- iv. Chairperson's report**
- v. Treasurer's report and presentation of financial statement**
- vi. Election of office bearers**
- vii. General business**
- viii. Date of next meeting**

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